Treatment Storage and Disposal Facilities (TSDFs). Under this scheme, the Ministry of Environment and Forests provides a grant to the tune of Rs. 2 crores with a proportionate contribution from the State Government for setting up of TSDF on a Public Private Partnership involving the Central and State Government and a private enterprise through Build Operate Own (BOO) principle.

Monitoring the course of river channels

1257. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it is an engineering necessity to monitor regularly the course of river channels upstream/downstream of all bridges, dams, weirs, etc. which affect the natural flow of the rivers so that likely damages to pucca structures across the rivers are remedied in time; and

(b) the names of rivers in respect of which this is not being done and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) According to the information received from the Ministry of Water Resources, the Central Water Commission (CWC) carries out gauge, discharge, sediment study and observes pre and post monsoon cross section on important rivers on regular basis at selected location. These information are used for specific study and in carrying out design of important structures on river course. While monitoring. specially for the course of river channels, upstream/downstream of all Bridges, Dams and Weirs are not carried out by CWC, morphological study of rivers Gandak, Ghaghara and Sutlaj, using remote sensing technique, is done. This includes performance evaluation of major flood control/hydraulic structures such as embankment, spurs and bridges executed so far from morphological point of view as well as their effect on river behavior.

Environmental conservation project

†1258. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that environment is being affected due to mining in coastal areas, atomic energy plants and construction of illegal hotels near sea shores:

(b) whether it is also a fact that fishermen are losing their livelihood due to destruction of environment; and

(c) the efforts being made to plug the loopholes in environment conservation projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) All developmental activities in the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.